



**SUBJECT: Technical Guide Notice 194**

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**TO: All Holders for the PA Technical Guide**

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**Purpose:**

To announce the release of the revised PA NRCS-CPA-52 template for Conservation Activity Plans (CAP). This template should only be used for the plans being developed for EQIP CAP contracts.

**Explanation:**

The PA NRCS-CPA-52 template has been revised. This template applies when planning a CAP (Conservation Activity Plan).

**Instructions:**

For the purposes of EQIP CAP development contracts only, NRCS employees will complete the highlighted sections of the NRCS-CPA-52 form:

- 1) Sections A & B - complete
- 2) Section C - Identify the scope of the CAP contract in this section by listing applicable Farm and Tract numbers.
  - a. This may be all owned and/or operated land for a specific land use being addressed by the CAP – i.e. all forestland for a Forest Management Plan 106.
  - b. This may be all owned and/or operated land in a given area – i.e. southeast PA.
  - c. Consult with Area Office programs staff as needed
- 3) Section D – “To have a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) developed for the applicable portions of the operation by a Technical Service Provider (TSP).”
- 4) Section E – “Develop a detailed plan for the management of the primary resource (fill in the blank – XXX) concern(s) being addressed by the CAP.”
  - a. Identify the main resource(s) being addressed in the CAP, for example:
  - b. Soil erosion and water quality for CAP 102
  - c. Air Quality for CAP 126
  - d. Degraded plant condition and/or Inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife for CAP 146





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- 5) Section F/I –
  - a. Describe the benchmark condition for the resource concern(s) identified in Section E.
  - b. State “no change” in corresponding Alternative 1 column.
- 6) Section G/J –
  - a. Complete benchmark information for ALL Special Environmental Concerns. See PA CPA-52 Example 1 in Section III of the FOTG.
  - b. State “no change” in Corresponding Alternative 1 column.
- 7) Complete Sections K – P according to PA CPA-52 guidance and National Instructions.
- 8) Section Q – Selection option 1 – Not a Federal Action
- 9) Section R – “Initiation of CAP development is not a federal action subject to environmental review.”
- 10) Section S – completed by Responsible Federal Official.

**Access Instructions:**

The following document has been replaced in the FOTG, Section III: Planning & Environmental Compliance Information

1 – PA Sample CAP Template (NRCS-CPA-52)

The entire Pennsylvania eFOTG can be accessed at the following web site:

[http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg\\_locator.aspx](http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx)

You can also access Section III Table of Contents directly at the following web address:

<http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/toc.aspx?CatID=12477>

The official version of the FOTG is what appears in Pennsylvania's eFOTG.

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